Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—I would like to know if the Government of Mysore is aware whether the Andhra Government has sent any communication to the Central Government ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—We are not aware of any communication having been sent by Andhra Government to the Centre.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Are not Government in the habit of noting what appears in newspapers on such important matters ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I want to know how this question arises.

Mr. SPEAKER.—May I bring it to the notice of the Hon'ble Member that it is not proper to rely on newspaper report ? Therefore no suggestion should be made on the basis of press reports.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA —I would like to know if the Government of Mysore is assured now at least that Bellary would remain in Mysore State ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The final decision does not, unfortunately, rest with us.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—For the question (*b*), the answer is that it is a matter of opinion. The question seeks some information and if Government are aware of that information, they should say 'yes' or 'no.' What does it mean if they say that it is a matter of opinion ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The attitude of the Andhra Government is a matter of their opinion.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—The question is whether you know the attitude of the Andhra Government ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—There cannot be a question on the attitudes of others.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Have Andhra Government brought in the question of distribution of Tungabhadra water in relation to inclusion of Bellary Mysore ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes, that is one of the points.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Has there been any differences at any time in the matter of distribution of water ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Sir, in order to settle differences there is a Board constituted which will go into that matter.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Is it not a fact that the Board has always been working smoothly and without detriment to anybody so far ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Are Government in possession of the public proceedings of the Andhra State Assembly when they discussed the S.R.C. Report ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I want notice for that.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Have the proceedings of this Assembly when we discussed the S.R.C. Report been made available to the Andhra Government ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No ; we sent it to the Central Government.

Border Areas desiring to join Mysore.

Q.—406. Sri M. LINGANNA (Nanjangud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether any border areas speaking Kannada or other languages but not included in S.R.C. Report have given representation pressing their desire to unite with Mysore ;

(*b*) if so, which are they and the action taken by them ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education) [On behalf of Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).]—

(*a*) Nine.

(*b*) They are the following :—

(1) Nilgiri District,
(2) Talagavadi Firka,
(3) Gobichettipalayam,
(4) Kasaragod-North of Chandragiri River,
(5) Madakasira,
(6) Hosur,
(7) Alur,
(8) Adoni, and
(9) Rayadurg.

All representations with the recommendation of this Government have been forwarded to the Government of India.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—May I know whether they have received any communiction in view of the fact that they have recommended these representations to the Central Government ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—We have not received any reply.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Have they made any attempt personally to represent the cases of these nine contiguous areas, apart from recommending on paper, by personal contact and personal discussion ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—What prevented this Government to do so ? When the Chief Minister visited Delhi in connection with the S.R.C. recommendations, did he make any attempt to discuss with the Central Government the question of the inclusion of the nine contiguous areas which have given representations ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The discussion was of a general nature and the details cannot be disclosed.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—My point is, was there any attempt made on behalf of this Government either by the Chief Minister or by any Minister for that matter, so far as these nine groups are concerned, to have a personal contact either with the Home Minister or the concerned authorities of the Centre ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I have answered that the discussion was of a general nature and the details of it I am not aware of.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Are the Government contemplating to move an official amendment to the S.R.C. Bill if these areas are not included in the Bill ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That would be a hypothetical question. When the Bill comes we will have to consider it here.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Are the Government contemplating to move an official amendment to the S.R.C. Bill in case these areas are not included ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The question itself is hypothetical. I cannot give a hypothetical answer.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—What is the specific recommendation of this Government that has been sent with the representations ? It is stated here "All representations with the recommendation of the Government have been forwarded to the Government of India." What is the recommendation sent by this Government along with these representations ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—We have not said anything against the inclusion and we have forwarded the representations and that itself is a recommendation. What exactly is the recommendation, I want notice.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—I want to know whether the Government while recommending and sending these representations, have effectively answered the rival claims to these places by some other State Governments ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The rivals or those who are opposed to this have not given any representation.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Have this Government countered the rival claims to some of these places or recommended that these may be included in the new set up here ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—This was considered by the Central Government and the issues that were sent to us we have answered.

Yeldur Amanikere (feeder channel).

Q.—367. Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA (Mulbagal—Srinivasapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there were any representations from the atchkatdars of Yeldur Amanikere requesting for a feeder channel to the said tank ;

(*b*) if so, whether any estimate was prepared ;

(*c*) the reasons for delay in sanctioning the same ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The project has had to be dropped owing to the prohibitive cost.